

MINIMUM CRITERIA IN DETERMINING NEED FOR SPECIALIST

NOTE: The following are draft criteria by specialty. The criteria may be modified at a later date, and additional criteria will be added as different specialists are requested. Please contact the Office of Primary Care Liaison for the updated criteria.

ANESTHESIOLOGY:

name and address of all affiliated facilities specialists will practice, especially if multiple sites; and state whether inpatient or outpatient facility; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

of specialists in the county in all healthcare settings; distance to nearest specialist in another county

current and proposed patients provided service at the facility

Unique conditions for the area/facility - trauma center; types of surgical procedures being performed

of beds at admitting hospitals/admission rates/# of surgeries per year

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CARDIOLOGY/CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; age of current specialists; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist

Patients identified in county with heart disease and other types of related conditions; plus projected numbers and rationale for projection; current and projected workloads to be encountered

Cardiac cath labs/# of procedures annually

Geriatric residents (65+) in county; and percent growth of this population in the next five to ten years

CVD rates/stroke rates - compare county with state

of disabled individuals, % of population disabled age (20 - 64)

Referral system; On-call sharing

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

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GASTROENTEROLOGY:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with need for service; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Increased demand for screening colonoscopies; # of GI/endoscopies procedures to be performed (over the past several years); scheduling backlog??

Increased number of patients aged 50 and older (plus percentage); compared to state percentage

Referral system; On-call sharing; affiliation agreements with other health care entities, especially hospitals

Colorectal cancer deaths in county or service area

Name of hospital with formal transfer agreements, for emergency transfer of patients

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

INFECTIOUS DISEASE/IM:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with need for service; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Referral system; affiliation agreements with other health care entities, especially hospitals; On-call sharing

Patients identified in county with infectious diseases by types and other related conditions; plus projected numbers and rationale for projection; current and projected workloads to be encountered; scheduling backlog??

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

NEPHROLOGY:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with end stage renal disease; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Patients on dialysis; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Geriatric residents (65+) in county

Medicare enrollment and percent of county population, # Aged, # disabled, # ESRD

Diabetic patients or diabetes mortality rate in comparison to state rate

Nephritis mortality rate in comparison to state rate

ESRD facilities in county

of disabled individuals aged 65+ / aged 20 -64

Referral system; On-call sharing

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

NEUROLOGY:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with need for service; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Referral system; affiliation agreements with other health care entities, especially hospitals; On-call sharing

Patients identified in county with neurological diseases/disorders by type and other related conditions; plus projected numbers and rationale for projection; current and projected workloads to be encountered; scheduling backlog??

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

PULMONARY DISEASE/MEDICINE:

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with need for service; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Referral system; affiliation agreements with other health care entities, especially providers;
On-call sharing

Patients identified in county with pulmonary conditions by type and other related conditions; plus projected numbers and rationale for projection; current and projected workloads to be encountered; scheduling backlog??

#Geriatric residents (65+) in county

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

RADIOLOGY (Diagnostic, Vascular/Intervention, Pediatric):

of specialists (including pediatric specialist, identify separately) in the county; distance to nearest specialist in another county; effect on existing providers; work hours of current specialist; and age of current specialists

Patients identified in county with need for service; possible future numbers, plus rationale

Referral system; affiliation agreements with other health care entities, especially providers;
On-call sharing

Cancer Incidence Rates

Malignant neoplasm mortality

MRI procedures

Diagnostic radioscopic procedures

Practice/Specialty includes child, adults or both?

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